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Claims 1, 3-7, 9-18, 20-22, 24 and 25 are in the application, with Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 18, 20, 22 and 24 having been amended, and with Claims 2, 8, 19, 23 having been cancelled. Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 10, 12, 14, 18, 20, 22 and 24 are the independent claims herein. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Double Patenting

Claims 1 and 7 have been provisionally rejected for non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1 and 32 of copending U.S. Application No. 10/453,944. Without conceding the propriety of this rejection, Applicant encloses herewith a suitable terminal Disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112, 2nd Paragraph

Claims 22-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as allegedly failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the term "integrated circuit die" in lines 4 and 5 of claim 22. Applicant submits that proper antecedence for the above term is provided by the preamble of Claim 22. In this regard, it is common practice to refer to elements of the preamble within the body of a claim. Withdrawal of the §112, second paragraph rejection of Claims 22-25 is therefore respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103(a)

Claims 1, 7 and 22 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Collins et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,608,291 ("Collins"). The subject matter of Claims 2, 8 and 23 has been incorporated into Claims 1, 7 and 22, respectively. Since the Office Action indicates that this subject matter is allowable, Claims 1, 7, and 22 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the §103 rejection thereof is respectfully requested.

Claims 3, 5, 10, 12, 20 and 24 were also indicated as including allowable subject matter. Claims 3, 5, 10, 12, 20 and 24 have been rewritten in independent form to include all of the

limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims, and are therefore believed to be in condition for allowance.

Remaining independent Claims 14 and 18 were also indicated as allowable. Claim 14 has not been amended and is still believed to be allowable. Claim 18 has been amended to include the limitations of now-cancelled Claim 19 and is therefore still believed to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at (203) 972-0049.

Respectfully submitted,

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